

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given by the applicants to the Examiner's comments and rejection of various of the claims as set forth in the outstanding Office Action, and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, as amended, is earnestly solicited.

Applicant gratefully notes the Examiner's indication that at least Claims 4, 13 and 16 are directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form or made dependent from an allowable claim.

Furthermore, applicant notes the Examiner's rejection of various of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Mangano, et al., as detailed in the Office Action; the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 6-10, 12 and 14 were rejected as being anticipated by Mann under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as detailed in the Office Action; and the rejection of various further claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Gunter, as also detailed in the Office Action.

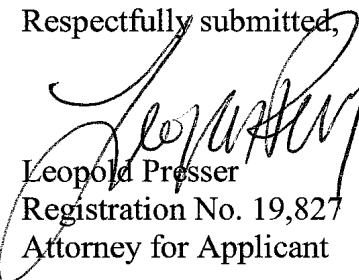
Accordingly, in full compliance with the Examiner's requirements and in order to place the application into substantial order for allowance, applicant has rewritten allowable Claims 4, 13 and 16 into independent format, while incorporating the limitations of any intervening claim, and also amended the remaining dependent claims so as to be dependent from the foregoing independent claims, respectively, as may be applicable herein.

Furthermore, applicant has amended the title of the application, as suggested by the Examiner, thereby meeting all of the requirements in connection with the outstanding issues set forth in the Office Action.

Accordingly, in view of applicants amendments made herein, which are deemed to be fully responsive to the Examiner's requirements and on the basis of the allowable claims, the early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, applicant's attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,



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